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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we enter 1992, the Board of the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton would like to express thanks for the support of its members and volunteers throughout 1991. Our sincere wishes that everyone in our Community experiences good health and happiness in this New Year.

The Centre has gone, and is going, through many changes as we strive to serve your needs more effectively. We face many challenges in 1992. The Board is seeking to obtain charitable status from Revenue Canada; changes to our constitution may be necessary to achieve this. It is hoped charitable status will help with fund raising -- a constant concern of the Centre. We would like to involve more womyn as volunteers at all levels of the organization to ensure we are meeting the needs of our sisters in the Community. We are examining the possibility of moving to new premises at sometime in the future which entails a great deal of exploration of the Centre's needs and the Community's needs.

These are a few of the challenges to be faced over the next twelve months. With your continued support and input the Board is confident 1992 will prove to be a productive and progressive year for the Centre. We are hopeful the new year will see strong movements forward, a strengthening of the community, and a greater understanding of our struggle to achieve our rights within the broader society.

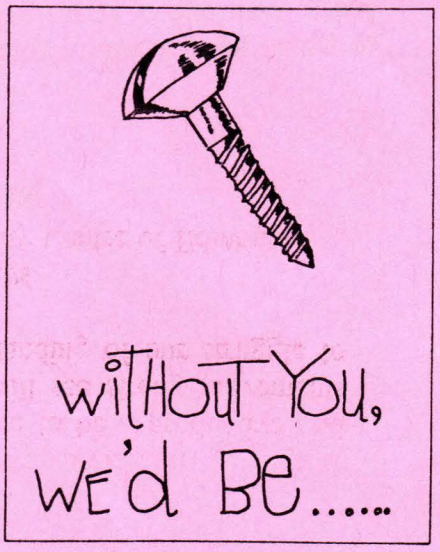
Health and happiness in 1992 and always
The Board, Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton

NEWS FROM THE CENTRE

MEMBERSHIP

Have you remembered to renew your membership? Membership is a major source of revenue for your Centre. Please renew today. Do you know someone who is not a member? Why not make it a New Year's resolution to get at least one new member for the Centre this year. Now, that is a resolution which should be easier to keep then the diet, right?

The Board is striving to arrange an added benefit to belonging to the Centre. It is our hope that in the near future paid members with valid membership cards will receive discounts at select gay positive merchants and services throughout the city. If you know of someone who would be willing to support the Community let John or Rick know.



VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to help your Community? Do you have a few hours to give every week or month? Many positions for volunteers are available through the Centre. The skills required and the time commitment varies for each so there is a way for you to give a most precious gift to your Community -- yourself!

BOARD MEMBERS

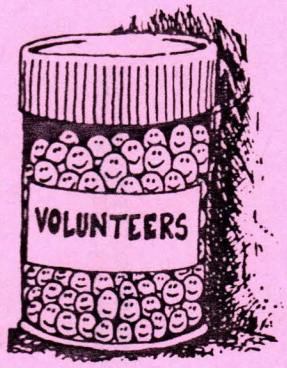
Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors for GLCCE are now being excepted. Hard working, reliable, committed individuals are needed to guide the Centre through the next year. Please submit your name to John I. or David M. before the end of February if you are interested or if you want more information. Womyn are particularly welcome.

DANCE COORDINATORS

Do your friends say you throw great parties? Have you always wanted to be known as "hostess with the mostest"? This is your opportunity to let the entire community savour one of your events. Coordinators are required for dances/social events throughout the year. Plan one or plan many it is up to you. Contact Jerrett K. or David M. for more information.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND COMMITTEE

People with interests in writing and graphic art and gossip are needed to prepare regular newsletters for members of the Centre and the Community. This is your opportunity to be heard by a lot of people. [As you can tell from this letter these are positions we need filled toute suite, or sooner!!]



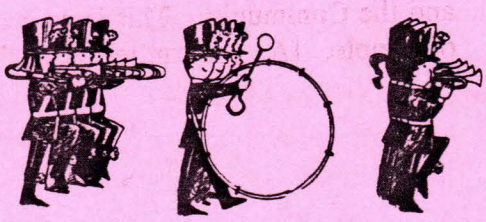
PEER SUPPORT COUNSELLOR TRAINING

Womyn and men, gay or bi-sexual, who are comfortable with themselves and their sexuality are needed to help others in the Community. GLCCE Peer Support Counsellors offer guidance on coming out, meeting people, dealing with relationships, and a myriad of other issues to members of our Community and society in general. An extensive and through training programme is offered. This training would benefit anyone who cares about people, particularly gay people, and who wants to help. Do you have three to four hours a week to give to help guide your brothers and sisters? Contact Jerrett K. through the Centre to inquire about the training beginning in February.

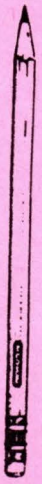
Lesbians and Gays of colour and gays and lesbians who are physically challenged are asked to help round out our training information by contributing concerning their experiences and challenges faced as gay individuals. This area of the gay community has not be properly addressed in our training. If you are willing to help others understand what you have faced please contact Keith T. through the Centre.

Let's Celebrate!

The 1992 Gay Pride Celebrations Committee needs interested people to help organize and coordinate events for the event in June. Experience is not necessary but PRIDE and ENTHUSIASM are. If you, or your organization, would like to make an impact on the City of Edmonton and on the Gay Community please contact Keith T. through the Centre by January 31. Show you care. Get involved!!



LOGO CONTEST



Are you a great artist or someone who doodles while on the phone? Would you like to have your work displayed to many people? The Centre would like to have a new logo expressing our identity as a gay organization to be used on our letterhead, posters and advertising. Please make submissions to John I. or Rick D. at the Centre by April 1, 1992. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Fund Raising Committee has drawn up an extensive plan for raising monies for the Centre in 1992. These plans include more Aerobic Challenges, a garage sale, a concert event, and social events. Watch for announcements throughout the year. If you have any ideas, or if you would like to help with events let John I. or Dave U. know.

While on the subject of fund raising, we would like to extend a special thanks to John I. and his many volunteers who raised over $3,500 in two Aerobics Challenges in 1991. A long list of donating companies is available through the Centre. Please patronize those firms who support us. Let them know you appreciate their support of the Community.

Encore raffle tickets are now on sale through Board Members and some Centre members. There are some fabulous trips and other prizes to be won as you support the Centre financially. Contact Rick D. through the Centre for more information.

Do you have junk, ah, I mean items of great value, you would like to share with others? A garage sale in support of the Centre is planned for July. Please drop items off at the Centre. If you have larger items contact the Centre so storage arrangements can be made. This is your chance to part with some of the past cluttering your storage room.

To Whom It May Confuse:

I am interested in exploring the possibility of starting a Men's support/encounter group for gay and bi-sexual men over thirty and/or almost thirty. If you are interested in getting together once a week or so to talk, discuss, argue, meet friends, get help coming out or dealing with life or whatever, please leave a message for Keith T. at the Centre. A first meeting will be held on a Sunday afternoon at the Centre in February; interested individuals will be contacted with details.

Attention

CENTRE WISH LIST

Typewriter
Computer with printer
Binders
Volunteers
Magazine holders (you know those cardboard things that keep magazines neat)
Posters
Vacuum
Office Supplies
Volunteers
Furniture
Money
Books for the Library
particularly newer non-fiction and novels
Lists of gay positive doctors, dentists, lawyers, therapists, psychologists, masseuses, masseurs, carpenters, plumbers, businesses, et cetera for referral purposes.
Volunteers

Well, I guess that is all for this newsletter so farewell, good health, and happiness from the Newsletter Committee (that's me!). If you have submissions for, or want to become involved in the production of the next GLCCE newsletter please let the Newsletter Committee (that's me!) know. Leave a message at the Centre and the Committee (that's me!) will get back to you.

Happy New Year